

in the vicinity of the bottom part thereof; and pillar members (6) erected within the cell to a height not exceeding the upper end part of the lateral wall of the cell.

**Furukawa** discloses a structured body for drainage treatment which is an unit box composed of a top panel having multiple weep holes and downward cylinders (117) provided therein and side walls having multiple weep holes and joints for connection, which can be spread to a desired size by connecting these unit boxes. The structured body for drainage treatment can be used as a material for drainage of sports grounds, roads, parks, golf links, stockhouses, riding grounds and the like, as an antifreezing material for roads in cold districts, and as a material for preparing tree-planting ground in the concrete portion on the roof, desert areas and the like.

Thus, if the structure disclosed in **Yoshida et al.** corresponds to planting portion (200 in FIG. 1(a)) and the structure disclosed in **Furukawa** corresponds to the water-reserving portion (300 in FIG. 1(a)), there is no suggestion that combining the two structures will provide post-shaped members provided consecutively at identical positions in a top plan view from a portion where an external force loaded on said planting portion is directly received (the bottom 202 of the planting portion 200), as in the present invention.

In other words, there is no suggestion that combining the teachings of these references will produce identical alignments of the independent pillar members 6 of **Yoshida et al.** and the plural downward cylinders 117 of **Furukawa**.

In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-2 provide the following unexpected benefits not found in any combination of the teachings of these cited references:

1. In the composition of the planting portion on the water-reserving portion, by the substantially consecutive post-shaped members, the greening structure has a high supporting strength and excellent stability. For example, the bottom of the planting portion can be prevented from being deformed.

2. In the composition of the planting portion on the water-reserving portion, by using substantially consecutive post-shaped members, the bottom of the planting portion can be prevented from being deformed and is hardly warped even if an external force is applied, so that a remarkably excellent treading feel can be obtained. For example, a falling treading feel is prevented.
3. In relation to claim 2, the water-reserving portion can be formed into a generally box-shaped water-reserving portion so that its manufacturing cost of the water-reserving portion can be lowered.
4. In relation to claim 2, the planting portion can be easily removed from the water-reserving portion so that the greening structure can be easily rearranged for recreation.

Thus, the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection should be reconsidered and withdrawn, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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